

June 28, 1995

Introduced By:

Larry Gossett

MJH:95-434sb

Proposed No.:

95-434

ORDINANCE NO. **11880**

AN ORDINANCE making a supplemental appropriation of \$4,181,270 to several departments for costs related to crowding relief at the King County Correctional Facility and the King County Youth Detention Center; and amending Ordinance No. 11578, Sections 14, 33, 44, 89, 117, 118, and Attachments 1B and 2 as amended.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

It is the policy of King County that the housing of adult inmates at the Alder Street Facility shall cease when the Regional Justice Center in Kent is operational.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF FINDINGS:

A. The current federal court order in Hammer v. King County strictly limits the number of prisoners who may be held in portions of the King County Correctional Facility.

B. Due to inmate population levels in the King County Correctional Facility, the County has been unable to comply with the crowding limitations in Hammer, notwithstanding a wide range of programmatic and facilities initiatives.

C. Inmate population increases have resulted in extraordinary pressures on the King County Correctional Facility.

D. The long range solution to such crowding is the opening of the Regional Justice Center in 1997.

E. In the interim, prior to the opening of the Regional Justice Center, temporary alternative accommodation of minimum to medium security women prisoners in the Alder Street Facility is imperative, as there are currently no alternative jail beds to handle the excess numbers of prisoners being housed in the King County Correctional Facility.

F. The Alder Street Facility was designed and built for detention. The repair and remodeling of the Alder Street Facility will involve no material expansion or change in use beyond what previously existed at the Alder site. All repairs and renovations will be to the existing building interior and will have no visible effect on exterior portions of the facility.

G. Emergency action is necessary in this matter to avert risks to health and safety.

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SECTION 7. Ordinance 11578, Section 117, Attachment 1B, as amended is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	
395	395565	Alder Facility - Adult Detention	\$ 1,084,508

SECTION 8. Ordinance 11578, Section 118, Attachment 2, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	
395	395435	Courthouse Lobby/1 & 2 Floor	(\$ 1,084,508)

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 19th day of June, 1995.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 1 on this 30th day of June, 1995.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7th day of July, 1995.

Ray Lodge
King County Executive